

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 11, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 454.]

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George B. Bacon, late acting purser of the United States sloop-of-war Portsmouth, have had the same under consideration, and report :*

The petition of Mr. Bacon having been submitted by the committee to the Navy Department for information, the facts involved in the case were communicated in a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, herein inserted as a part of this report :

NAVY DEPARTMENT, June 8, 1858.

SIR : In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing the petition of George B. Bacon, late acting purser, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Bacon acted as purser of the United States sloop "Portsmouth" from April 1, 1857, to January 15, 1858, during which time he disbursed the sum of \$49,729 68. His accounts are not yet settled, but are in course of examination, and, I am informed by the Auditor, will be stated in a few days.

Though the department has no power to allow Mr. Bacon pay as purser for the time he acted as such, yet it is of opinion that it would be equitable in Congress to allow to him the difference between the pay of a purser during that time and that of captain's clerk, if his accounts are properly settled.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ISAAC TOUCEY.

Hon. S. R. MALLORY,

*Chairman Com. on Naval Affairs, U. S. Senate.*

Your committee, concurring in the opinion expressed in the letter of the Secretary of the Navy, "that it would be equitable in Congress to allow him (the petitioner) the difference between the pay of a purser and that of captain's clerk," during the time he acted as purser, report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

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